

Minutes November 22, 2021

Egremont Bylaw Review Committee

In Attendance:

Mary McGurn, Chairwoman (MM)

Richard Allen (RA)

Steve Goodman (SG)

Robert Sandor (RBS)

Richard Slutzky (ROS)

Eileen Vining (EV)

Chairwoman MM called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:02pm; attending members were introduced.

Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2021

Minutes of the November 1 meeting were approved with minor changes.

Bylaw 14 Animal Control

Discussion ensued regarding proposed changes to the section currently identified as 14.9. SG will provide suggested language for our next scheduled meeting.

14.3 EV's proposed modification, highlighted in bold below, was approved by a vote of 5-1.

All dogs, licensed or unlicensed, must be leashed when on public property within the Town. This includes town roads and French Park, except for the Dog Park. No owner or keeper shall permit a dog to go beyond the confines of the owner's or keeper's property without being leashed **unless the owner of other private property consents to the dog being without a leash and the dog is controlled from leaving the property.** Leashed dogs must be accompanied by a person of adequate age and ability to properly control its actions. A dog engaged in working, hunting, field trials or training purposes is exempt for the period of time it is actually engaged in the event or sport and provided it is under the direct supervision of a person capable of controlling its actions. Violations of this section shall be subject to a warning for the first offense and \$25 for each additional offense.

Bylaw 15 Sewers and Sewerage.

Committee members approved the following language by a vote of 5-1.

Any Septic system in the Town of Egremont must conform to State Department of Environment Regulations 13 CMR 15.000, The State Environmental Code, Title 5. All septic systems that incorporate tight tanks as defined by the regulations listed above must have installed an alarm system which is triggered when the tank is 65% full and a 2nd alarm system which automatically shuts off water supply to the house when the

waste water level reaches 90% of the tank's capacity. A tight tank is defined as a system using a watertight vessel having an inlet to receive raw sewage but no outlet and which is designed and used to collect and store sewage until it is removed for disposal.

Bylaw 12 Alarms

RA reviewed his research on the bylaw and his several proposed changes. After a brief discussion, RA volunteered to further revise his proposed changes and have the results ready by the Committee's next scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Slutzky